

# **South Dakota**

## **WOOL PRODUCTION**

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### ***1999 WOOL PRODUCTION DOWN***

**SIoux FALLS, January 28, 2000** -- South Dakota wool production fell 4 percent in 1999, according to USDA's South Dakota Ag Statistics Service. Wool production totaled 2,845,000 pounds in 1999, compared to the 2,950,000 pounds produced in 1998.

All sheep and lambs shorn totaled 345,000 head, down 10,000 head from the 1998 level of 355,000. The average weight per fleece, at 8.2 pounds, was 1 pound below 1998.

Wool price averaged 36 cents per pound, down 39 percent from last year's 59 cents. The total wool value for the state was \$1,024,000, down \$717,000 from the \$1,741,000 in 1998.

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